

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 4, 2019

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Councilman Smith moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, October 18, October 29, 2019 meetings as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. Cameron has spoken to someone regarding the core samples from the Flatrock apartments. We are waiting on information.
2. We will use the scoring process for the selection of the construction oversight for the Cherry Street project. Pavey suggested that a Council person be involved in the scoring. Berkemeier will do scoring for Council.
3. The Board of Works approved the acceptance of the property located at 1900 North Main. The closing will take place tomorrow.
4. The skylights and the elevator have been removed from the Taff building. They will be putting on a new roof.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – We will be bidding out the design portion.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Cameron said they are currently booking for the 2020 season.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.

- **City Center** – The wireless microphone system is in.
- **Housing** – We should see some movement the 1st or 2nd week in December.
- **ECDC** – John McCane said we had a 2nd visit from a prospective company last Friday and it went well.

Tomorrow we will be going to the school board to discuss HOTIF.

- **Cherry Street** - The appraisals are updated. We have made offers. There is a 30 day response period.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Street – Commissioner Miller said they have started picking up leaves.

Fire – Chief Jenkins reported that everyone has completed and passed their EMT training. There is interest from some of the EMT's to take the advanced class.

The Fire Department's annual chili supper is this Friday.

Police – Chief Tucker reported that the Board of Works gave a conditional offer of employment to Robert Claycomb. It is hopeful that he will be able to start at the end of the month.

Park – Director Burklow introduced his assistant, Austin Bolyard.

Halloween went well. Approximately 250 kids stopped by the shelter house for treats.

We are waiting on the trees for the CJD Park. Burklow thanked the Street Department for paving the trail.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Resident, Gary Anderson, who lives at the Rushview Trailer Park, wanted to speak to Council regarding his water bill. There is only one meter at the trailer park to cover all of the trailers. The owner uses a 3rd party to bill the residents for the water. Anderson said as of May the owner is behind paying the water bill by \$7,187.00. Anderson's bill went up \$13.00 one month. The residents do not think they are being billed correctly. Anderson would like to have separate water meters for each trailer. Berkemeier said he is not sure how the residents can figure out how they are being billed. Newhouse asked if the residents have an agreement. Anderson said they do not. Smith said he did not know how the owner is getting by without getting his water shut off since he is so far behind. We need to ask the utility what they have done to address this situation. Pavey suggested that he and the City attorney, and utility attorney sit down and work out something.

Anderson thanked the City for their help with their drainage issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Street Lights South of Town** – Pavey passed out a sheet showing the project numbers and the easements needed. One project is completed. We still need to meet with some of the residents regarding easements. We are getting close to the easements being wrapped up.
2. **CCMG 8th Street** – The crack sealing and mill and resurfacing is complete. We have a meeting with O'Mara. Vectren wants to put in new mains. The Utilities also want to put in a new water main while the road is open. This will be done yet this year. Next spring construction and paving will be done.
3. **Police Department Ordinance 2019-14 Downtown Parking** –We will schedule a meeting for discussion.
4. **Ordinance 2019-18 Bidding Requirements** – Not ready.
5. **Ordinance 2019-19 Mobile Food Truck Permits** – Not ready.
6. **Utility/Code Enforcement/Planning and Zoning** – Carmen Clark and Gina Jenkins have prepared a form that will be signed off by Gina, Carmen, Chuck Jenkins, and probably Jemmy Miller.
7. **City Services to Un-annexed Residents** - There are 2 houses located where old 44 and new 44 road splits that are receiving trash service, but they are not in the City. We will check on the water tomorrow. We need to decide if we will continue the service or move forward to annex.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2019-23 Fence Amendment** – Carmen Clark said currently no permit for a fence is required unless it is in the historic district. The Street Department does check the line of site issue. This ordinance would require a permit, the neighbor's permission, and a boundary survey to put a fence on the property line otherwise it has to be 2 feet off the property line. Bridges moved to table. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2019-24 Rezone Rushville Villas 1.73 Acres** – Cameron moved to approve Ordinance 2019-24. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UPCOMING BUSINESS:

1. **Water & Sewer Budget November 19th**

CLAIMS AND SEPTEMBER BANK RECONCILEMENT: Berkemeier moved to approve the claims and September bank reconciliation as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.